OBITUARY

CYRIL EDWARD HEWETSON
OBE IFS (Retd)

CEH was born in 1903. His father served in India in the Indian Civil Service and his maternal grandfather in the Indian Medical Service. He remained in India as a small child until his father retired when CEH was four years old.

He was educated at Repton, King's College, London, and Oxford University where he studied Forestry, and gained a Blue in Hockey.

He joined the Indian Forest Service and went out to the Central Provinces in 1926, serving in Balaghat, Nagpur, Raipur, Bastar, Berar, Bhandara, North Chanda, Jabalpur, Betul and Hoshangabad. At the time of Independence, in 1947, he was one of only two British Forest Officers left in the C.P., the other being Archie Stein. CEH stayed on, and eventually took over from G.G. Takle as Chief Conservator, Madhya Pradesh for a short period before he retired from India in 1955.

He was a keen member of the Bombay Natural History Society, writing observations on the bird life in Madhya Pradesh, which were published in 1956 and other articles later on in the journal of the BNHS. He became a Life Member in 1963.

After his retirement, he continued his interest in forestry and wildlife both in India and in his home country. He was a member of the Royal Forestry Society, the Commonwealth Forestry Society, and the Society of Foresters, attending their meetings well into his eighties.

In the last two decades, he made several visits to India, and attended the centenary celebrations of the Society in 1983. Sálim Ali also visited him in England. He maintained a keen interest in all the Society's activities until his death on July 15, 1998, at the age of 95.

CEH was married in 1954 and is survived by his wife and two sons.

A LIST OF HIS PUBLICATIONS IS GIVEN BELOW:

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Hewetson, C.E. (1944): Bearded Bee-eater (*Alcermerops athertoni*) in the Central Proinces. *JBNHS 44*: 592-593.

Hewetson, C.E. (1954): Migration of insectivorous birds in Madhya Pradesh in 1953. *JBNHS 52*: 207-208.

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